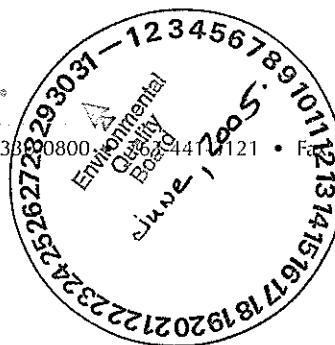


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WO #45151

Mr. Robert Schroeder, Chair  
MN Environmental Quality Board  
658 Cedar St., RM 300  
St. Paul, MN 55155

SUBJECT: Swan Lake 115 kV Substation and Transmission Line Tap

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

In accordance with the Power Plant Siting Act, this letter serves as the required notice to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Chair that Meeker Cooperative Light & Power (Meeker Cooperative) and Great River Energy (GRE) have elected to seek local approval for the construction of a new 115 kV substation and transmission line tap near Dassel, Minnesota. A Conditional Use Permit application was delivered to Meeker County on June 28, 2005 (a copy of the cover letter is enclosed). Meeker County has been informed that they have 60 days to refer the permitting process to the EQB.

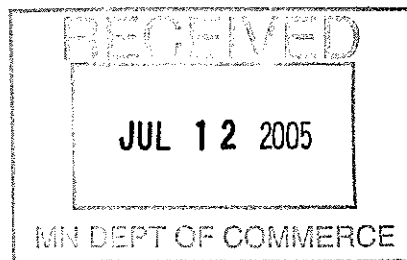
The proposed substation and transmission line tap would be located near Dassel completely within Meeker County. The new facility will meet the growing electrical demand and improve the service and reliability of electric facilities in the area. A fact sheet that provides more detail on the project is enclosed.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to John Boe, Zoning Administrator for Meeker County at 320-693-5290. I can also be reached at 763-241-2377. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY

Gary Ostrom  
Land Rights Supervisor



Enclosures

CC: EQB General List of Interested Persons – w/encl. fact sheet only  
Kevin Louis, Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association – w/encl. fact sheet only  
John Boe, Meeker County – w/encl. fact sheet only

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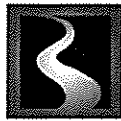
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# Swan Lake Substation 115 kV Transmission Tap Line



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## Project Need

Electrical load growth in the east central portion of Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association (Meeker Cooperative) service territory has steadily increased. In addition, there is a need to increase reliability in serving the Dassel, Kingston and Litchfield loads during outages and other related contingencies.

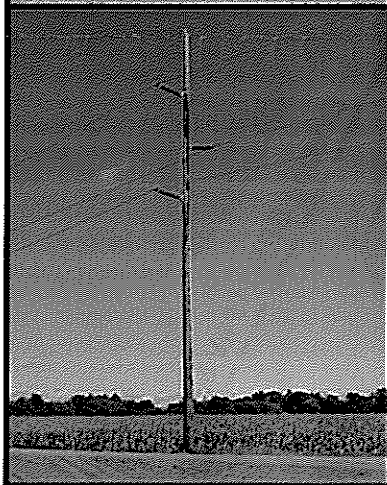
## Project Description

Meeker Cooperative will construct an electrical substation facility on a three-acre parcel of land located along the south side of 273rd Street in Section 2 of Dassel Township. Great River Energy (GRE) will construct a short 500-foot section of 115 kV transmission line from an existing GRE transmission line that crosses 273<sup>rd</sup> St. just east of the proposed substation facility (see project map on back). Figure 1 shows a typical 115 kV transmission line structure and Figure 2 depicts a typical distribution substation. There will be a switch structure located at the convergence (tap point) of the new line and existing transmission lines.

## Project Schedule

Public Input & Permitting.....	Spring 2005
Land Rights Activities.....	Summer 2005
Transmission Line Substation Construction.....	Fall 2005 / Winter/Spring 2006
Energization.....	Summer 2006

**Figure 1: Typical GRE  
115 kV Structure**



**Figure 2: Typical GRE  
115 kV Distribution Substation**



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